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NEW WORLD FOOD SETUP. . . . The Special Meeting on Urgent Food Problems called by FAO beginning May 20, ended on the 27th with at least four important decisions made.

The International Emergency Food Council is one of the four important outcomes of the meeting. With an organizational meeting scheduled within the next ten days IEFC's initial membership will consist of the 19 nations represented on the commodity committees of the Combined Food Board, which it replaces, plus the Soviet Union if that nation accepts an invitation to join. The IEFC is to continue its existence until December 31, 1947, or until the end of the shortage of basic foodstuffs. The task assigned the Council is to conserve existing food supplies, plan for the expansion of food production in 1947-48, and be prepared to handle properly any possible future surpluses of foodstuffs. The Combined Food Board's membership consisted only of the United States, Britain, and Canada.

The second important action of the special meeting was the establishment of a world food Research and Information Service as a permanent part of FAO. H. R. Tolley, former Chief of BAE, as head of the research agency, will direct the preparation of quarterly reports on the world food situation and publicize the activities of IEFC.

As a third major action, Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of FAO, was asked to work out a plan for a permanent world food operating agency with executive powers and present it at the next general meeting of FAO. This meeting is being moved up from October, 1946, to early September, the exact time and place to be announced later. The contemplated permanent world food operating agency would take over on a permanent basis the work of the IEFC.

The fourth far-reaching action taken had to do with rehabilitation work now directed by UNRRA. FAO was asked to cooperate closely with UNRRA in its work in line with proposals being made to combine all world food responsibilities under one agency. UNRRA Director F. H. LaGuardia and many other delegates at the meeting suggested a permanent international food agency which would combine the responsibilities on an international scale of an ever normal granary and a surplus commodities corporation. UNRRA has scheduled a meeting for August at which recommendations about future handling of relief feeding will be made to the United Nations.

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SOUTHERN EXTENSION WORKSHOP POSTPONED. . . . September 23 to 27 inclusive are the new dates for the Alabama Extension publications workshop, originally scheduled for May 27-31 (see last week's Calendar). The workshop will be held at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., through the cooperation of the Extension Service of the Institute and the USDA Extension Service. Besides the Alabama State extension staff, extension editors from other Southern States and Southern farm paper editors have been asked to attend. The workshop was postponed because of the railroad strike.

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IN RE FARM SAFETY. . . . The Advertising Council has prepared mats of an ad on National Farm Safety Week (July 21-28) which will be sent to about 10,000 rural papers throughout the country. The ad will refer to the Department's booklet, "Watch Your Step," Misc. Pub. 481, as the source of further information on preventing farm accidents, and will suggest writing USDA for copies.

Partly because of this ad, the booklet is being revised extensively and given high priority on the printing list so that it will be available before Farm Safety Week. A two-page, self-inspection check list on avoiding accidents will be added to Misc. Pub. 481, the many references to war deleted, the art work revised, and the latest data on farm accidents inserted. One page will be added to tell briefly the purpose of Spring Cleanup Week, National Farm Safety Week, and National Fire Prevention Week, plans for observing them, and other helpful facts for the convenience of field workers and others. Further announcement will be made when the 1946 "model" of this booklet is available.

As part of National Safety Council's support of Farm Safety Week, it has prepared a striking poster and made some 25,000 copies available to the Department for distribution to USDA field offices. The poster carries the line--Prepared by National Safety Council in cooperation with USDA.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . May 23, the House agreed to the conference report on the bill to continue the Farm Bankruptcy Act until March 31, 1947 (ready for the President); the President approved the Patman bill which authorizes price control and subsidies on housing; the President approved the bill to continue the Export Control Act until June 30, 1947. May 24, the Senate agreed to the conference report on the school lunch bill (ready for the President); the House passed the administrative law bill and the bill authorizing stockpile of strategic and critical materials; the President approved the federal pay bill. May 25, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Wilson Wyatt to be housing expeditor; the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee submitted a report recommending removal of milk and milk products from price control. May 27, the President approved the second appropriation recision bill which includes an item for emergency supplies in Hawaii; the Senate agreed to the House amendments to the administrative law bill (ready for the President).

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THE TRUTH ABOUT POTATOES, early potatoes, that is, has now been told in a fact sheet scheduled for wide distribution early next week. Advance copies have already gone to the industry. If you do not receive a copy of the sheet, PMA's Information Service can supply you.

"It will require the maximum effort of the potato production and distribution industry, carriers, and government agencies to move the bumper crop to market," says the fact sheet. An all-time record of 70 to 75 million bushels is the outlook for total production this year of what is generally known as "early potatoes," 52 million by the end of June and the remainder by September 1.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON is scheduled to address the national Rotary Club convention at Atlantic City, N. J., June 5; and the national Kiwanis Club convention June 11 in the same city.

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PLANS FOR NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP, just completed, promise an interesting and profitable week for 4-H delegates attending this, the 16th such camp, in Washington June 11-18. An organizational meeting will be held in the conference rooms assigned them at American University the evening of June 11.

In the mornings beginning June 12, these potential 4-H Club leaders will discuss the 10 4-H Club guideposts for 1946 with a view to preparing 4-H Club programs this year. In the afternoons, accompanied by State extension agent delegates and representatives of the USDA Extension Service, the 4-H Club boys and girls will take "Know Your Government" trips in line with the camp theme--4-H in a Changing World. Here's the itinerary for these trips:

June 12--to USDA's Beltsville, Md., station;  
June 13--to Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and the Pentagon Building;  
June 14--to the Capitol where they will learn from House and Senate Committees how our laws are made and take a tour of the Building; then to the Supreme court to learn more about its functions;  
June 15--to the Library of Congress and Smithsonian Institute;  
June 16--to Washington Cathedral, Arlington Cemetery and Lee's Mansion;  
June 17--to the White House, and on the 18th, to Mt. Vernon.

On the evening of the 18th the delegates will review briefly their study of the Federal Government and have closing exercises. Secretary Anderson will probably address the Camp on the morning of the 18th at which time they will sum up their discussions on the 10 guideposts.

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THE 1946 FOOD PRESERVATION DRIVE is getting under way with two fact sheets now at the printer--one on community canning and one on home food preservation. They will be distributed widely. Freezing will be stressed more than ever this year. The movie "Freezing Fruits and Vegetables", described in last week's Calendar, and the booklet of the same title will be very helpful in supplying the how and why.

The Advertising Council is allocating radio coverage on food preservation beginning about June 17. Victory Gardening and Famine Emergency organizations throughout the country are emphasizing preservation of food as well as producing and conserving it. The strikes, world food shortages, uncertainty of local and/or national supplies of different foods at different times, and the old HCL (high cost of living) should reduce sales resistance to this campaign to a mere shadow.

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WINTER WHEAT INSURANCE. . . . The sales program for insurance on the 1947 winter wheat crop will be launched at June PMA Field Service meetings, attended by FCIC representatives, as follows: Colo.--June 3-4; Wyo.--June 4; Kan.--June 6-7; Mont.--June 11-12; S.Dak.--June 10; Nebr.--June 11; Mo.--June 13; Iowa, June 14; Minn.--June 17; Wis.--June 18; Mich.--June 19; Ill.--June 21; Ind.--June 24, and Ohio--June 25. This program got under way at similar meetings in N. Mex.--May 28-29, and in Utah, May 31.

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SLAUGHTER CONTROLS AND THE FARMER. . . . Information folk can be of service to farmers by reminding them how the government's livestock slaughter control program applies to them. Failure to comply with the regulations because of lack of information or any other reason may result in severe penalties. Following is a summary of the program as it affects farmers:

Those who slaughtered and sold not more than 6,000 pounds of dressed meat during 1945 are Class III slaughterers. They must keep for the inspection of OPA officers, a complete record of all meat sold. They may then continue to slaughter and sell up to 6,000 pounds of dressed meat in 1946.

Farmers who sold more than 6,000 pounds of dressed meat in 1945, also those who sold less than that amount in 1945 but who intend to sell more than 6,000 pounds in 1946, are Class II slaughters, who must: (1) register for a permit with their local OPA offices on Form MC-10, unless they registered in 1945 and their licenses have not been revoked, cancelled, or transferred; (2) keep for OPA inspection a complete record of all meat they sell; (3) slaughter no more total live weight of cattle and calves during each 1946 monthly accounting period than they slaughtered in the corresponding 1945 period and only 90 percent of the total live weight of hogs slaughtered in 1945; (4) slaughter not more than 60 percent of their monthly quota during the first half of any month; and (5) within ten days after the end of each monthly accounting period, file a report of slaughter operations for the period on OPA Form MC-6, with their local OPA offices.

Farmers who slaughtered cattle or hogs in 1945 for home consumption only are not affected by the new slaughter control program.

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . Public eating places urged to serve no bread or other wheat products unless specifically requested--1186;

Last five stockyards released from government control--1144; Flour distribution to be increased in July by amendment to WFO-144--1141; Prospective world food production above last year's, but below needs--1143; Secretary Anderson's broadcast May 26 on the FAO conference, production to help supply world food needs, etc.--1149; World's 1945-46 cotton crop estimates are smallest since 1923-24--1154; World's 1945-46 rice crop below average--1153; PEANUT INDUSTRY TURNS A CORNER, Secretary Anderson's address at annual meeting of Nat'l Peanut Council, Virginia Beach, Va., May 27--1157; Europe's acute food needs not to continue indefinitely--1164; Bakers ordered to reduce weight of bread and rolls 10 percent by June 1 under amend. to WFO-1--1166; Grain exports show increase in mid May--1168; USDA report on fats and oils export operation from Jan. 1 to May 17--1167; The wheat situation--1163; The demand and price situation--1169; 1946-crop cotton interim loans announced 1-1174; Canned meat procurement order--1177.

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RECENT-USDAPUBLICATIONS. . . . Water and Our Forests, Misc. Pub. No. 600, 29 p.; Sporeforming Bacteria, Misc. Pub. No. 559, 112 p.; Methods of Making Potato Silage and Tests of Its Feeding Value for Dairy Cows, Tech. Bul. No. 914, 14 p.; Commodity Futures Statistics, July 1944-June 1945, CS-17, 36 p.

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